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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS



IT wasn't quite a blizzard as some places had, but this area collected about two-and-a-half inches of snow early Wednesday, Dec. 26, which was more snow than we saw all last winter. Parts of Western Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois received from 8-18 inches during the storm. Ronnie Haile (right) and his son Ronnie cleared the area around R & D Service Center on Arcadia Avenue that morning.

## HEALTHY KENTUCKY SURVEY

# Parents Need To Talk To Children Concerning Health

One New Year's resolution that should be on all parents' lists is to talk to their kids about health related issues in 2013. Parents have more influence in a child's development than anyone else, and discussing their views on health helps to shape their children's behavior. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky released results from its Kentucky Parent Survey about how often parents talk to their children about certain health issues. The survey found that:

- More than half (53 percent) had shared their views on smoking or tobacco use with their children often or all the time.

- Sixty-two percent of parents with older children said they had discussed their views on drug use often or all the time during the past year.

- Just 21 percent of parents of older children said they had discussed their views on birth control often or all the time during the past year.

"This is a New Year's resolution

that parents can keep," said Susan Zepada, president/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "Talk to your children about your views on dating and substance use and maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

Studies show parental monitoring and engagement can deter children from unhealthy behaviors and help improve their academic achievement. The Kentucky Parent Survey also asked parents about spending time with their kids and about how they learn to be good parents.

Additional survey highlights reveal:

- About one in three parents (33 percent) said they had played a sport, played a physical game or exercised with their child on five days during the preceding week.

- More than half (54 percent) reported watching television with their child on at least five days during the

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## YEAR-END REVIEW OF FRONT PAGES

# The Progress Looks Back At First Half Of 2012

This is the first of a two-part series reviewing the stories that appeared on the front page of The Progress in 2012. January through June will be reviewed today. July through December will appear next week.

### JANUARY

**Jan. 5** — Mayor Ross Workman submitted his resignation at a special called meeting of the Dawson Springs City Council. He is leaving office to take the position of lead interpreter and manager of Golden Pond Planetarium at Land Between the Lakes.

According to the Kentucky P-20 Data Collaborative, the Dawson Springs High School Class of 2010 saw 71.8 percent of its 39 graduates off to college. Public high school graduates for 2010 attended college at a rate of 63.1 percent, the highest percentage on record.

**Jan. 12** — Jenny Sewell was appointed interim mayor of Dawson Springs by the city council at a special called meeting. She replaces Ross Workman who resigned one week earlier.

According to a recent poll, 64 percent of Kentuckians

would vote in favor of a proposed constitutional amendment allowing casino gambling.

The statewide average precipitation total from the Kentucky Mesonet, the state's official source of climatological observations, exceeded 63 inches and placed 2011, along with 1979 and 1950, as the wettest years in Kentucky in more than a century.

**Jan. 19** — The Dawson Springs Police Department is investigating a series of thefts involving vehicles and storage buildings on the east side of town.

Jenny Sewell was sworn in by District Judge Logan Calvert as mayor of Dawson Springs. She conducted her first city council meeting, sharing her priorities for the city.

Dawson Springs, along with Princeton and Eddyville, was selected to host the 2012 Kentucky Preservation Conference.

**Jan. 26** — The Dawson Springs High School math department presented a proposal for changes in the curriculum to the SBDM Council. The proposed changes will allow students more time to master

algebra skills before taking the mandated end-of-course Algebra II exam.

The Dawson Springs Board of Education passed a very tight 2012-2013 draft budget. Cuts in state funds have impacted school districts across the commonwealth.

Gov. Steve Beshear presented his biennial budget proposal, a budget he termed "inadequate for the needs of our people," to the 2012 General Assembly.

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 2** — A Trail Town meeting was held for residents interested in seeing Dawson Springs become part of a trail system.

Sen. Jerry P. Rhoads filed legislation that would enable cities and counties to enter into agreements with private and public landowners to make property available for outdoor recreational use.

February was proclaimed Earthquake Awareness month. Feb. 7 is the 200th anniversary of the last of the earthquakes that destroyed the town of New Madrid, Mo., and created Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

**Feb. 9** — Human remains believed to be those of Sherry

Hays, a Nebo resident reported missing in November, were found on McKnight Road.

Scotty Parsons Sr. filed declaration papers with the Kentucky Secretary of State seeking the position of state representative in the newly created 9th House District. (The redistricting was later overruled).

The Dawson Springs Independent School System, along with the other public schools in Kentucky are preparing for the new state assessment known as K-PREP.

**Feb. 16** — The Kentucky Department of Education announced the federal government has granted the state an exemption from the No Child Left Behind Act. The waiver was received because Kentucky has its own very high accountability system in place.

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce approved plans for several community events including Derby for the Darby, a fund-raiser to benefit the Darby House; and a Fourth of July celebration with the annual fireworks display.

**Feb. 23** — The city of Dawson Springs is one of 38

Kentucky communities receiving more than \$1.8 million in grants to develop and maintain recreational trails across the state. Dawson Springs was awarded \$12,896.

Deputy Punkin Arnett retired after 32 years in law enforcement, 22 as the D.A.R.E. officer in the Dawson Springs and Hopkins County school districts.

A 4.0 magnitude earthquake was reported near East Prairie, Mo. The quake rattled homes and buildings in four states, including Western Kentucky, but no injuries or significant damage was reported.

### MARCH

**March 1** — The Dawson Springs Independent School System will maintain the same number of positions for the 2012-2013 school year as for the current year. However, the calendar will include 185 rather than 187 days. Superintendent Alexis Seymore told the Board of Education the staff preferred to lose the two days rather than lose staff members.

The Dawson Springs City Council approved the use of a \$5,000 grant for strategic planning. Work will begin later in

March. The plan is expected to be completed in August.

Gov. Steve Beshear signed an executive order formally declaring a regional state of emergency in the destruction of a span of the Eggners Ferry Bridge over Kentucky Lake.

**March 8** — John and Lyndsey Rogers became the city's newest business owners when they purchased Clark, Beshear and Clark Furniture and Appliances from previous owner Shelia Johnson.

The Dawson Springs City Council approved a change to the sidewalk and curb on Ramsey Street in front of Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center. The work will be done at the owners' expense.

In an e-mail to faculty and staff, Superintendent Alexis Seymore announced she will retire at the end of June.

**March 15** — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has begun installing new Interstate 69 signage along the former Western Kentucky Parkway between Eddyville and the Pennyriple Parkway interchange near Madisonville.

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THIS snowman greeted visitors on East Keigan Street following the city's first snowfall of the season.

## NATIONAL HEALTH PROBLEM

# Radon Action Month Promotes Awareness

January is Radon Action Month. Health agencies throughout the United States have joined forces to promote awareness of the leading cause of lung cancer for nonsmokers. The American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control and National Cancer Institute all agree radon is a national health problem and encourage radon testing during the January awareness drive.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas. In fact, a recent study by Har-

vard University ranks radon as America's number one in-home hazard. By taking simple steps to test a home for radon and making necessary fixes, this health hazard can be avoided.

Radon gas is not isolated to certain geographical areas or home types. Radon problems have been detected in homes in every county of the U.S. It caused more American fatalities last year than carbon monoxide, fires and handguns combined. If a home hasn't been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the surgeon general urge taking that action. Information on locating qualified test kits or

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CHANCE WOOLSEY, 11, slid down a hill Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, after the season's first snowfall.

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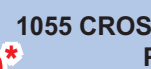
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# Dawson Springs Officers Report Week’s Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports:

—Victor W. Otterson, 56, 406 W. Hall St., was arrested Dec. 17 on West Hall Street. He was charged with probation violation for technical offense (Caldwell County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Natalie F. Foe, 47, 101 Baxter Ave., Apt. 4A, was served a criminal summons Dec. 17 on Baxter Avenue. She was charged with theft by deception, cold check under \$500 (Caldwell County criminal summons). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Travis W. Menser, 26, 200 Pine St., Apt. A7, was arrested Dec. 19 at his residence. He was charged with bail bond withdrawal—original charge fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), possession of synthetic cannabinoid agonist or piperazines, buying/possessing drug paraphernalia, failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant), violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO (warrant served for Hopkins County sheriff) and third-degree terroristic threatening (warrant served for Hopkins County sheriff). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Brandy Delos Santos, 29, 307 Sycamore St., was arrested Dec. 21 on Sycamore Street. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County Family Court warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Joe Wiggins, 51, 50 Peyton Circle, was arrested Dec. 21 at his residence. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Shelly Dunlap, 38, 355 Greenville Road, White Plains, was arrested Dec. 22 at 400 E. Arcadia Ave. She was charged with theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), public intoxication—controlled substance (excludes alcohol), possession of marijuana and failure to surrender a revoked operator’s license. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Anthony S. Rawlins, 32, 408 S. Main St. #3, was arrested Dec. 22 at South Main and Depot streets. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Pamela T. Morris, 32, 114 Clarkdale Court, was arrested Dec. 26 at her residence. She was charged with two counts of failure to pay fines (Hopkins County warrants), third-degree attempted escape and resisting arrest. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Zakry L. Norris, 25, 539

Redden Dock Road, was arrested Dec. 28 at 525 1/2 E. Keigan St. He was charged with non-payment of fines (Hopkins County bench warrant) and contempt of court (Caldwell County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—William B. Morse, 32, 305 E. Keigan St., was arrested Dec. 28 on South Main and East Ramsey streets. He was charged with three counts of theft by deception, cold checks (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Susan L. Menser, 56, 508 W. Arcadia Ave., was arrested Dec. 28 at 200 W. Arcadia Ave. She was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Taylor D. Copple, 19, 508 W. Arcadia Ave., was arrested Dec. 28 at his residence. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with no visible injury. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Holly J. Burns, 24, 200 E. Munn St., Apt. 6, was arrested Dec. 29. She was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Clifford L. Barnes, 38, 200 E. Munn St., Apt. 6, was arrested Dec. 29. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury.

—David L. Hyde, 40, 520 Hamby Ave., was arrested Dec. 29. He was charged with possession of a third-degree controlled substance (drug unspecified), having a prescription controlled substance not in its proper container, public intoxication—controlled substance (excludes alcohol) and carrying a concealed weapon. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

Two local men were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Department.

—Travis K. Crook, 25, Crook Lane, was charged Dec. 21 with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

—Zachary A. Sisk, 20, Bull Creek Road, was charged Dec. 24 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Two Dawson Springs residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Austin A. Clayton, 19, Fergusontown Road, was charged Dec. 14 with third-degree burglary.

—Pamela Morris, 32, 114 Clarkdale Court, was served a warrant Dec. 26 for theft by deception.



MAKING selections at Princeton’s Wal-Mart Tuesday, Dec. 4, during the “shop with a cop” trip are Philip and Heather Goff, with her sons Reilly and Kyler Andrews.

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## KSP Asks For Public Help To Solve Unsolved Cases

Kentucky State Police is renewing efforts to solve unsolved cases by asking the public for assistance with leads. In 2010, KSP distributed more than 8,000 decks of playing cards to prisons across Kentucky depicting unsolved case information.

The deck of cards highlighted 52 unsolved Kentucky homicide or missing person cases. Since that time, three of those cases have been solved.

KSP hopes that sharing information with the public again will provide fresh leads that can help solve these cases and bring some closure to families.

Trooper Michael Webb reviews the leads as they come in

and disseminates the information to local posts.

“We have received hundreds of tips in the past two years that we hope will lead to more cases being solved,” said Webb. “Not only do these tips assist with solving cases, they sometimes provide additional information about other criminal activity taking place.”

KSP has placed copies of the complete deck of cards on its Web site at [http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/unsolved\\_cases.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/unsolved_cases.htm).

A toll free tip line where tips can remain anonymous has also been established at 1-877-735-2648. The public can also submit tips at [kyunsolved@ky.gov](mailto:kyunsolved@ky.gov).



RICKY HORTON makes a selection while shopping with Mayor Jenny Sewell during the “shop with a cop” excursion Tuesday, Dec. 4.

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## Eleven Die In Five Crashes During Christmas Holidays

Eleven people died in five separate crashes on Kentucky roads during the Christmas holiday period beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 and extending through 11:59 p.m. Dec. 25.

Crashes occurred in Christian, Clark, Jefferson, Knox and Pike counties. Ten of the fatalities involved motor vehicles, and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts. The crashes in Christian, Knox and Pike counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One single-fatality crash occurred in Pike County. Two double-fatality crashes occurred in both Christian and Clark counties.

A quadruple-fatality crash occurred in Knox County. One pedestrian fatality occurred in Jefferson County.

Through Dec. 25, preliminary statistics indicate 729 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is 16 more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2011.

Of 578 motor vehicle fatalities, 317 victims were not wearing seat belts. Sixty-four crashes involved commercial motor vehicles. Seventy-six crashes involved motorcycles, and 39 of the victims were not wearing helmets. Fourteen crashes involved ATVs, and 12 of the victims were not wearing helmets. Fifty-three crashes involved pedestrians, and seven involved bicycles. One crash involved a scooter. A total of 139 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

# Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Dec. 14 through Dec. 20.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

**Back Yard Burgers — 93**  
Minor violations:  
•Tray on frozen chicken  
•Scoop handle down in food product

•Food spillage on wall in storage room  
•Sugar, salt, and pepper lids need cleaning  
•Box of food on floor in walk-in.

**Baptist Health Madisonville — 100**

No violations.

**Casa Mexicana II — 93**

Minor violations:  
•Scoop handle touching food product

•Soiled wiping cloths stored on counter tops

•Eggs stored above meat and milk in walk-in cooler

•Lid missing from trash can in women’s restroom.

**Catering and Creations by**

**Sheri B — 100**

No violations.

**Hometown Grill and Fish House — 99**

Minor violation:

•Vents over fryer in need of cleaning.

**Little Caesars Pizza — 100**

No violations.

**New Mr. Wok — 96**

Minor violations:

•Foods not properly covered in walk-in refrigerator/freezer

•Deep freeze in need of repair

•Cooker in need of cleaning (grease).

**Pilot Travel Center (Mortons Gap) follow-up — 99**

Minor violation:

•Debris buildup under warming unit.

**Subway (Madison Square) — 94**

Major violation:

•Personal drinks stored on counter tops.

Minor violation:

•Towels stored on floor.

**Subway (Madison Square) follow-up — 100**

No violations.

**Taco Bell — 99**

Minor violation:

•Debris buildup under shelves.

## Kentucky Chamber Day Will Air Jan 14 On KE

At the opening of the 2013 General Assembly, business leaders from across Kentucky listen to Gov. Steve Beshear and the state’s top legislative leaders share their visions for

the state’s economy, government, and politics at the 18th Annual Kentucky Chamber Day in Lexington.

Watch the proceedings Monday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. on KET.

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## Local Counselor To Join Health First Community Health Center

After a successful journey in private practice for three years, David Higgins will join Health First Community Health Center at their Providence location on January 2, 2013.

Mr. Higgins earned his Master’s degree in Professional Counseling from Western Kentucky University in 2002. He is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. He has earned recognition as a National Certified Counselor. He has also been credentialed as a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor since 2006. He holds a Marriage Works certificate through Light University.

He is a member of the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association and the American Associate for Christian Counselors. He is also a professor in the School of Professional Counseling at Lindsey Wilson College.

Mr. Higgins has worked in the “helping field” for 23 years now. He has expertise in counseling adolescents and adults with mood and anxiety disorders. His primary theoretical orientation is Cognitive-behavioral therapy. He is also trained and utilizes a variety of other counseling approaches, including Reality therapy and Constructive psychotherapy.

Health First CHC accepts all major commercial insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and offer a sliding fee scale to all patients that qualify. All former, current and new patients are welcome to schedule appointments by calling 667-7017.

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 Is SENIOR CITIZENS DAY At The PEACH TREE!

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# State Retailers Comply With Tobacco Sale Laws

Kentucky continues to make progress in limiting retail sales of tobacco to minors, according to a recently released survey from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

The 2012 Annual Synar Buying Survey of Kentucky retail tobacco outlets showed that 94.4 percent of retailers complied with the law barring tobacco sales to anyone under the age of 18. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted the survey during the summer to measure the rate of illegal sales of tobacco to Kentucky youths. The survey was completed in cooperation with the Division of Behavioral Health in the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

“Reducing the prevalence of tobacco sales to minors is a crucial piece of our work to prevent youth smoking and tobacco use,” said Commissioner of the Department for Public Health, Dr. Stephanie Mayfield Gibson. “The results of this survey indicate we’re moving in the right direction. Fewer people are dependent on tobacco products because of the work of our substance abuse program, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Drug Control Policy.”

Since the inception of the federal Synar program in 1997, Kentucky Synar retail violation rates have been consistently below the national rates. The national average for all years (1997-2012) is 15.8 percent, compared with 9.5 percent for Kentucky. While Kentucky’s retail violation rates have greatly improved, youths still report that it is easy to obtain tobacco products from stores and from noncommercial sources such as an older friend, sibling or parent.

Tony Dehner, commissioner for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, emphasized the importance of cooper-

ation in the effort to effectively combat youth access to tobacco products in Kentucky.

“We at ABC consider our role in the annual survey extremely important in the combined effort to reduce youth access to tobacco. Through the checks we conduct, retailers get the message that Kentucky is serious about preventing sales to minors and many make sure to educate their staff on verifying the customer age. The prevention of underage tobacco sales helps to create safer and healthier communities,” Dehner said.

“Kentucky once again has a low rate of noncompliance, which is an important step for us as we continue to reduce youth access to tobacco” said Van Ingram, executive director of the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). “Through the efforts of the Regional Prevention Centers, the Division of Behavioral Health, ODCP, and ABC, the health of young Kentuckians is being improved by reducing the illegal use of tobacco products.”

Federal law authorizes the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant and requires states to enact and enforce laws designed to reduce the availability of tobacco products to people younger than 18. The state must conduct the Annual Buying Survey using a scientific random sample study protocol approved by the federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and must demonstrate that its noncompliance rate does not exceed the target of 20 percent for illegal tobacco sales to minors.

The SAPT Block Grant, administered by CHFS, is the single largest funding stream in Kentucky supporting substance abuse prevention and treatment.

# KET Founder And Pioneer Receives Excellence Award

O. Leonard Press, KET’s founder and pioneer for using the power of television to bring educational resources into Kentucky’s classrooms and homes, has received the 2012 Vic Hellard Jr. Award for excellence in public service from the Legislative Research Commission.

“We are so pleased that Len Press is being recognized with this award,” said Shae Hopkins, KET executive director and

CEO. “Through his vision and hard work, he created and established KET as Kentucky’s only broadcast network and one of the nation’s preeminent public broadcasting services. From KET’s inception, Len Press set forth the educational mission and priorities that still serve the commonwealth and nation today. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor for his selfless lifelong public service.”

## OBITUARIES

### Services Are Held Saturday For Don Hancock, 74

The funeral for Don Hancock, 74, of Madisonville, formerly of Dawson Springs, was held Saturday at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home.

The Rev. Don McLaughlin officiated. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery.

Hancock died Dec. 25, 2012, in Madisonville.

He was born in 1938 in Dawson Springs to the late Charles and Imogene Hancock.

He was a graduate of Dawson Springs High School and established the Western Kentucky branch of Thompson’s Sanitary Supply House. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Madisonville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Omer Menser, and a stepsister, Juanita Redman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Haylee Hancock, Madisonville; a son, Chad Hancock, Lexington; a daughter, Haylee Coberly, Franklin,



DON HANCOCK

Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charlie Ramsey, Bob Kik, Will Cox, Pete Bowles, Monty Cox and Bob Dampier.

Honorary pallbearers were Bill Cox, Bill Metcalfe, Walter Ferguson, Chuck Shockley, Mike Hovious and Tom Clayton.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Christian Church, 1030 College Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431.

### New Regulations Announced For Mold Removal Firms

Attorney General Jack Conway announced the implementation of new regulations for mold remediation companies operating in Kentucky. The regulation completes the implementation of a law designed to better protect consumers who utilize mold removal services.

“The new regulation will help to ensure that consumers are informed about mold and the standards for mold remediation in Kentucky before they hire a mold remediation company,” Conway said. “I believe these new standards are a good first step to increasing consumer protection for households seeking the services of a mold remediation company. I also want to stress to consumers the importance of fixing the water problem that is causing the mold. Without corrective measures, the mold will return.”

Some of the protections and requirements of the new mold remediation regulation include:

–A written mold assessment and remediation plan must be given to the customer before entering into a contract. The plan must include a price estimate, describe the extent of the mold problem and the scope of the work and explain how the work will be evaluated. It must also state how the source of moisture will be remedied or managed, or that it has not been identified.

–Other general information must be given to the customer before entering into a contract, about mold, the benefits of using an independent indoor environmental professional and the source of moisture related to the mold problem.

–A written contract is required before work begins, and change orders must be signed by the customer if there is additional cost or a substantive change to the plan.

–Mold contamination must be physically removed and the remediated area must be returned to a clean condition.

–Any post-remediation verification must be performed by an indoor environmental professional paid directly by and reporting directly to the customer.

–The mold remediation company must make sure that its employees have training, education and experience to perform the tasks and use the equipment, tools and materials that will be used on the project.

The mold remediation law requires all mold remediation companies operating in Kentucky to follow the minimum standards established in the regulation, and allows customers to file complaints with the Attorney General’s Office if they believe a mold remediation company is not following those standards.

### Services Are Held Monday For Nellie Dillean Laffoon

Nellie Dillean Laffoon, 93, of Charleston, slipped past the earthly bounds and went to rest in the arms of Jesus on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at her home while surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was born March 24, 1919, in Butler County, to the late William and Lossie Hack Pendley.

She married the love of her life, Lawrence Laffoon, on Nov. 15, 1941, only to be separated from Lawrence for three years while he was involved in World War II. To this union five children were born. Nellie loved to cook, sew, quilt, can foods, work word search puzzles, read, watch Nancy Grace on television, purchase gifts for her family and take care of each family member. Having been given the privilege to attend school through the eighth grade, she longed to have been able to finish high school. Consequently, she insisted all her children complete high school. She and her husband owned and operated a grocery store in Charleston in the 1940s.

Nellie was of the Pentecostal faith, and she was a Sunday school teacher for many years at the former Walnut Grove Pentecostal Church in Dawson Springs.

Nellie once shared with her family that she did not know why God let her live so long. And she went on to say, “I guess it is to love my family.” As her years advanced and her physical health and abilities deteriorated, she never once complained and even commented that she felt it would be a sin to



NELLIE LAFFOON

complain. She appreciated her life each and every day.

Nellie is survived by three sons, Lawrence Laffoon Jr., of Dawson Springs, Jimmy Laffoon and Danny Laffoon, both of Charleston; one daughter, Mary Ann Laffoon of Charleston; seven grandchildren and their spouses; 12 great-grandchildren; one aunt, Edna Jordan, of Lexington; two close cousins, Heneretta Eldridge, of Princeton, and Patsy Norris, of Dawson Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 59 years, Lawrence Laffoon (2001); a son, David Laffoon (1998); a brother, Wilbur Pendley; a sister, Bobbie Beard; and a grandson Matthew Laffoon (2001). A few months prior to her death, she made the statement that she was ready to go be with her husband, son and other family members in heaven.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Dec. 31, 2012, at Beshear Funeral Home.

### Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person’s name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse’s name, childrens’ names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings’ names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents’ names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Many Factors Were Considered

It wasn't easy — but it wasn't that hard either.

The decision to sell The Progress was not made without considering many different things. These included, but not necessarily limited to or in this order: my family, our future, the future of The Progress, our readers, and last but certainly not least, the community of Dawson Springs.

Because all these factors were considered, I have no doubt there could be no better new owner of The Dawson Springs Progress than Chip Hutcheson and The Times Leader, Inc.

One of the first things Chip asked me when we were in early stages of talking was what it is I want to do.

After expressing myself, which of course included playing some golf, he let me know more than likely there would not be a deal if that deal did not include me staying on as publisher and Carolyn and Faye remaining as employees.

When we first started talking, I wasn't sure how far the talks would go or how far I was really willing to take this. But that all changed, and in my heart I knew The Times Leader would be good for the future of The Progress and for the Dawson Springs community.

Many of you have expressed sorrow, congratulations and everything in between concerning the sale of The Progress. And some of you have asked what I think my dad and brother would think, as well as what Mom thinks.

One thing I'm certain of — at least as certain as I can be — Jed and Dad would have thought this was the correct decision. Much of that thought is based on Mom and her comments to me about selling the paper. But other reasons I think they would agree are from some of the talks Jed and I had before about selling The Progress.

There have been previous suitors, and all of them came through Jed. We discussed the option and both agreed that when the time was right then we would sell.

The time was right.

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And I want to get it in before the price goes up."

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It's been said before, but can never be said enough, The Progress would never have been in your hands without the efforts of Carolyn and Faye, as well as my cousin Laura. Then in the background, doing many different things in support of The Progress has been another cousin, Kent. Thanks to them and to all the wonderful former employees who made this newspaper what it is.

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Happy New Year! Here are some things we hope to see in the new year...

—Politicians who care more for the good of the United States of America than for their own re-election.

—More compassion for everyone.

—Less finger pointing at others.

—A new organization, perhaps even a super PAC with millions of dollars in donations, to counter an opposing one we already have. This would be a group of very well meaning citizens, composed of responsible sportsmen and gun owners. They could leverage members of Congress with cash or threats of being voted out for not being responsible about gun ownership.

If they need a name, may I suggest National Establishment Willing To Oppose Assault Weapons Now.

They could call themselves NEWTOWN for short.

—More birdies and eagles and maybe even a hole-in-one.

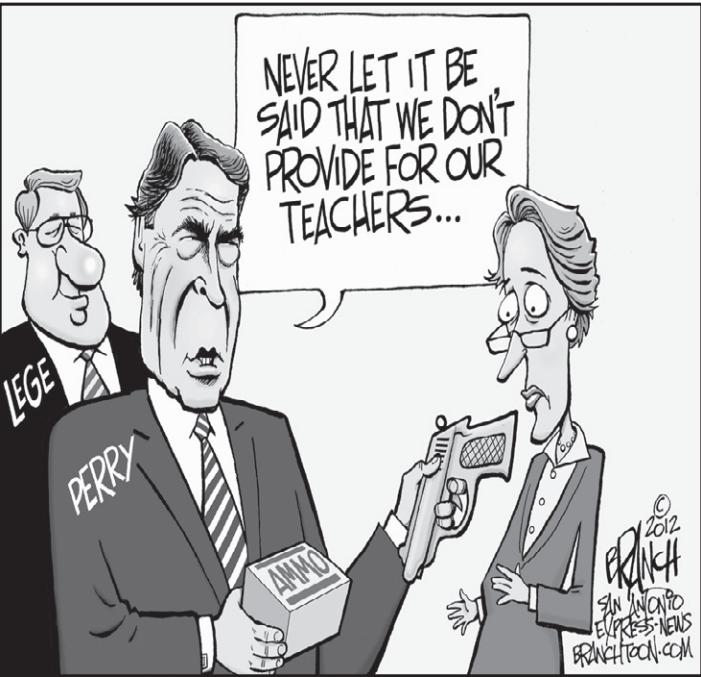
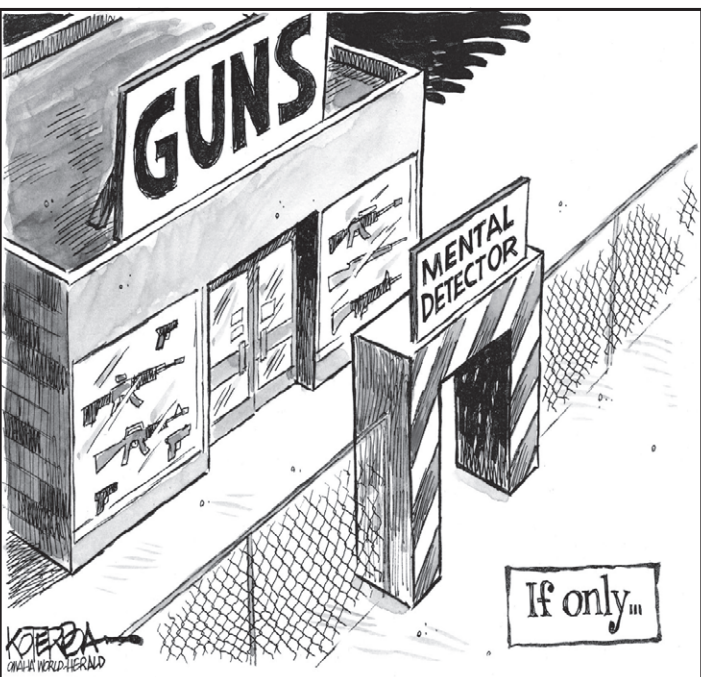
—Another NCAA basketball champion from Kentucky.

—More peace, joy and happiness and most of all contentment in all our lives.

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Let's end this with some jokes. Chip and Jed used to laugh about borrowing and/or stealing jokes from each other. But from now on I don't have to worry about that, since you could say these were and are his now...

- One reason computers do so much work, they don't have to stop and answer the phone.
- An optimist is a person who expects the ketchup to come out in three shakes.
- Tact is the ability to close your mouth before someone else wants you to.
- If you would like your house to be clean, invite someone over to dinner.
- It must have taken a lot of courage to discover that frog legs are edible.
- The problem — how to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution — eat it in the parking lot.
- The best sellers in many bookstores are cookbooks and diet books. One tells you how to prepare the food, the other tells you how not to eat.
- Photography: the hobby for negative people.
- Warning: I have an attitude and know how to use it.
- My inferiority complex isn't as good as yours.
- Cancel my subscription — I don't need your issues!



COMMENTARY

Government Needs Improvement

By Lee Hamilton  
Director, Center on Congress at Indiana University

We are locked in a seemingly permanent debate over the proper size and scope of government. It was a centerpiece of the recent presidential campaign. It features heavily in the ongoing maneuvering over the "fiscal cliff" and the upcoming vote on raising the debt ceiling. And it surfaces regularly in the speeches and comments of politicians and opinion leaders who either take the government to task for growing too large or argue that it needs to play an even more active role than it does now.

I don't expect this argument to end anytime soon — after all, it's been a feature of political life for as long as any of us can remember. But no matter how we view the role of government, there's one thing most of us do agree on: whatever government does, it should do it well.

Recently, I read a compelling speech by a prominent corporate CEO who criticized the federal government for creating an environment of uncertainty and stifling the engines of market growth — and then went on to lay out plans for economic renewal that all involved the government: a revamped education policy, more investment in infrastructure and in basic research, changes to the tax code to reward innovation. His speech underscores a basic truth about American life: we can argue about the fine points of its reach, but the importance of government's role in our lives is inescapable.

This does not mean that government is the answer to everything — far from it. Nor, how-

ever, does the anti-government rhetoric that so often marks our politics show much sign of being rooted in reality. When we want to build roads and bridges, operate schools and keep our cities safe, create conditions under which businesses can thrive, respond to natural disasters or attacks on our security, we turn to government at some level. And we expect the people who run it — the leaders as well as those on the front lines — to be good at what they do.

As Alexander Hamilton put it, "A government ill-executed, whatever may be the theory, in practice is poor government." You don't want second-rate scientists doing cancer research, second-rate lawyers negotiating arms control treaties, second-rate bureaucrats helping your community recover from a hurricane or flooding, second-rate inspectors making sure your hamburger is free from e. coli, or second-rate air traffic controllers guiding your plane through crowded airspace. None of us wants to live with a government that is incompetent in the exercise of its important functions.

For this reason, Americans are not as anti-government in practice as their "get government off our backs" rhetoric would often suggest. We turn again and again to government to solve the problems we complain about. And however easy it might be to rail against Washington or against "big government," it's the institutions of government you turn to when you need them.

Constructive criticism of Congress is always appropriate, but the anti-government language that so often gets bandied about creates distrust of the

OTHER EDITORS

Call For Guns At School Obscene

The National Rifle Association's obscene suggestion to fight school gun violence with more guns in schools doesn't seem to be getting much traction.

Offered in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., elementary school massacre that shocked the nation, the idea has drawn widespread condemnation and even ridicule.

"NRA: if we banned schools there would never be another school shooting," said comedian Seth Meyers in a Twitter post.

But just in case anyone likes the idea of putting armed police officers in every school in the nation and supplementing them with an NRA-trained volunteer corps of weapon-wielding vigilantes, Bill Bond, the former principal of Paducah's Heath High School, has some thoughts.

And he speaks from real-life experience right here in Kentucky.

Heath High was the scene of a 1997 school shooting where three students were killed and five wounded when an emotionally disturbed student opened fire with weapons he earlier had smuggled into school.

"In the shooting at my high school where three girls were killed and five other students

were shot, I don't know that an armed security guard would have prevented what happened there," Mr. Bond told National Public Radio. "Because from the time I heard the shot till I was able to take the weapon from the student was a span of 12 seconds. And in that 12 seconds he had already hit eight students. So a security guard could have done the same thing had he been in the same location I was but it still would have been casualties."

Nor does Mr. Bond, now a school safety specialist with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, embrace the notion of arming principals, teachers or community volunteers at schools.

"During a school shooting, kids are running. Some are laying on the floor and some are just standing dazed," he said. "Just finding the shooter is a difficult situation."

Two armed police officers on campus at Colorado's Columbine High School failed to prevent two students from killing 12 students and one teacher and injuring 21 others in 1999 before they committed suicide.

But facts don't get in the way of the NRA, which purports to represent hunters and other lawful gun owners but

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

**10 Years Ago**

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003.)

Sara Elizabeth Cotton was born Nov. 23, in a hospital in Jamestown, N.D. She weighed six pounds.

Bryan Cade Morgan was born Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed four pounds and 11 ounces.

The funeral for Mrs. Dorothy Nell East, 73, is being held today at Beshear Funeral Home.

**25 Years Ago**

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, January 7, 1988.)

Amy Klenna Stallins celebrated her Christmas birthday with a party Dec. 21 at the community room at Clarkdale Court.

Justin Keith Cavanaugh was born Dec. 10 at Jennie Stuart Hospital in Hopkinsville. He weighed eight pounds and nine ounces.

Michael Clay Holt was the first baby born in Hopkins County in 1988. He was born Jan. 3 at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville and

weighed four pounds and 11-1/2 ounces.

Services for William Lloyd Wyatt, 94, were held Monday afternoon, Jan. 4, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral for Mrs. Delphine Williams, 90, was conducted Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2, at Beshear Funeral Home.

**50 Years Ago**

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, January 3, 1963.)

For the second successive year Princeton Dotson defeated the Panthers to win the Caldwell County Invitational Tournament.

Frankie David Hunt was born Sunday, Dec. 23, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed four pounds and one ounce.

Paul Allen Miller was born Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed eight pounds.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Missie Nair Purdy, 92, Saturday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held for Lonnie M. Fox, 78, Thursday, Dec. 27 at Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of Washington's life. He wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of his friend George Fairfax.
- On Jan. 1, 1863, a farmer named Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property near Beatrice, Neb. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible. At least half of the original homesteaders abandoned their claims.
- On Jan. 3, 1924, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workers discover the solid-gold coffin holding the mummy of the boy-king Pharaoh Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years.
- On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning "divine wind" in Japanese. Most of Japan's top pilots were dead, but youngsters needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them

into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.

- On Jan. 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address, President Lyndon Johnson lays out for Congress a list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a Great Society. His list included the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
- On Dec. 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, is killed along with four others when the cargo plane in which he is traveling crashes off the coast of Puerto Rico. At the end of September, Clemente had gotten his 3,000th hit in the final game of the season for the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could lead to the USSR gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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A LARGE crowd attended the annual senior citizen Christmas dinner at the community room at Clarkdale Court held this year on Monday, Dec. 17.

photo by Charlie Beshears

# Governor Signs Emergency Regulations To Ban Sale Of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Gov. Steve Beshear signed emergency regulations to place newly identified synthetic cannabinoids under Schedule 1 of the Kentucky Controlled Substances Act.

The action represents the first time synthetic substances

have been banned by administrative regulation instead of by statute, a change allowed by the passage of House Bill 481 in the 2012 session.

“This measure lets us keep pace with backyard chemists who try to skirt the law by manipulating the formulas of dangerous substances,” Beshear said. “And it gives us the tools to respond to threats as soon as they are identified.”

Sponsored by Rep. John Tilley, of Hopkinsville, the law broadened the scope of banned substances to include entire classes of synthetic drugs, not just compounds. That change addressed the problem of manufacturers slightly altering the formula of a banned drug to get around laws outlawing a specific substance. And allowing these classes to be identified by regulation instead of state law lets counties and law enforcement respond promptly to new drugs.

“When the General Assembly began tackling the growing epidemic of synthetic drugs, it became clear that we needed a quicker mechanism to take them off the shelves before

they could get a foothold in our communities,” said Tilley. “This streamlined process will save lives and give law enforcement a powerful tool no matter how this battlefield changes. I’m proud I could play a role in helping to make this possible.”

The Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, in collaboration with the Kentucky State Police Crime Lab, identified new synthetic cannabinoids that were not listed in statute as Schedule 1 substances, and requested the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to use its authority to classify the chemicals as Schedule 1 substances.

Also under the law, drug forfeiture laws that apply to other illegal substances could be used to prosecute people who sell synthetics. Retailers could be fined twice the amount of profit they made from selling the products, and those convicted of selling the drugs could lose their liquor licenses.

Because the regulations are designated as emergency, they are effective immediately.

# Obscene

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is heavily funded by the gun industry and is dedicated to dismantling any meaningful effort at firearms control.

In fact, facts are the enemy of the organization, according to Tom Diaz, a former gun owner and former NRA member who now works for the Violence Policy Center and has written extensively about the NRA and the gun lobby.

“The gun industry realized that it really loses every argument where you can have facts,” he recently told NPR.

That would explain some of the cockamamie ideas of Wayne LaPierre, NRA executive vice president, when he called a Dec. 21 press conference to announce the NRA’s grand solution to preventing school massacres such as the one at Newtown on Dec. 14 that killed 20 young children and six adults.

Mr. LaPierre would:

- Demonize people suffering from mental illness.

“Our society is populated by an unknown number of genuine monsters, people so deranged, so evil, so possessed by voices and driven by demons that no sane person can possibly ever comprehend them,” said Mr. LaPierre in a rambling statement so bizarre it was later called paranoid and delusional.

# Government

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very institutions we rely on to meet the challenges and solve the problems that confront us as a nation. I sometimes find myself wondering how far we can erode confidence in our officials and our government and still have a country that works.

Whatever the particular policies of a given administration, whatever programs are enacted by the Congress, the American public is entitled to have those policies and programs administered effectively, efficiently and competently. This cannot be done without skillful civil servants and a steady stream of talented people who are attracted to public service.

My sense is that the public is demanding more from government, not in size, but in performance. Americans want government to work better for less, and the only way to achieve this is for government to become more effective and productive in dealing with the challenges before us.

*Lee Hamilton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

His solution? Create an “active, national database of the mentally ill.”

Right, Mr. LaPierre. We could do that after Congress authorizes a national database to track firearms transactions, a move the NRA has steadfastly opposed.

- Blame it on violent video games — “vicious, violent video games” that are the “filthiest form of pornography,” Mr. LaPierre said.

What he omitted are the deep ties video game makers have with gun manufacturers to market their products, with those same gun merchants being big financial supporters of the NRA, according to The New York Times. This would appear to make the NRA a partner in that filthy pornography, a circumstance Mr. LaPierre did not address.

- Give the “good guys” guns. “The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,” Mr. LaPierre said.

But what if the bad guy


didn’t have a gun? Or at least, couldn’t get hold of an assault rifle or assault-style rounds of bullets? What if Congress enacted meaningful controls over such weapons and ammunition, closed the gun show loophole and gave the federal law enforcement officials true power to track firearms transactions?

This is where Congress needs to start and not be sidetracked by a silly industry proposal to turn public schools into a sort of Wild West saloon, where disputes are settled with gunfights and the person with most firepower wins.

The NRA is skilled at stalling and distraction. They have succeeded, after other mass shootings — and there have been many — to deflect the public debate from gun control.

Following the massacre of 20 children and six adults at the Connecticut elementary school, they should succeed no more.

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# The Progress Looks Back At Front Pages From 2012

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State mandated testing began last week with juniors across the commonwealth taking the ACT which is now included in a school’s accountability.

**March 22** — Superintendent Alexis Seymore ended Monday night’s board of education meeting with an official announcement that she will retire effective June 30. She had informed staff and board members of her intentions earlier this month.

The Kentucky Department of Parks has entered into an agreement to launch a long-term energy savings project at nine of its resort parks, including Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Energy efficient lighting, water systems, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and other conservation measures will be installed.

The city council approved an ordinance that will allow golf carts to be driven on some city streets. However, the ordinance may later be rescinded because of concerns about liability.

**March 29** — Mayor Jenny Sewell and the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center board learned the museum will receive a \$457,000 grant for a rehabilitation project.

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky were \$3.88 per gallon this week. Gas prices in Dawson Springs were \$3.89 per gallon.

Numerous local houses were decked out in school colors showing support for UK and U of L who will play in the NCAA Final Four this weekend.

## APRIL

**April 5** — A Hopkins County grand jury indicted Joshua and Stephanie Osborne of Nebo on charges of complicity to commit murder and tam-

pering with physical evidence in connection with the death of Sherry Hays. Hays’ remains were discovered on McKnight Road near Dawson Springs.

Gov. Steve Beshear announced the Federal Highway Administration approved \$9 million in emergency relief funding for the repair and re-opening of the Eggners Ferry Bridge. The bridge is expected to be open to traffic by May 28.

**April 12** — The Dawson Springs Airport Board was awarded a \$250,000 grant for a Standard Erosion Control project.

Kentucky State Police reported 2012 has already seen a spike in motorcycle-related crashes with a 69 percent increase from the same time period in 2011.

The spring SUDS (Spruce Up Dawson Springs) campaign, which was once an annual event, was reinstated by the city council. For the next week, local residents will have a number of opportunities to dispose of unwanted items.

**April 19** — Three members of the junior class were selected for the Governor’s Scholars program. Ryan Caudill, Elizabeth Black and McCade Freeman will represent Dawson Springs High School.

The first reading of an ordinance which will end the use of city stickers was read at the April city council meeting. The council had voted several months before to discontinue the stickers.

A superintendent search firm, Leadership Strategies Group of Bowling Green, has been hired to assist in finding a replacement for retiring superintendent Alexis Seymore.

**April 26** — The fire department responded to the Wingo Apartments at 105 E. Hall St. to extinguish a blaze originating in the kitchen in Candice Spinks’ apartment. The other

three apartments in the building sustained smoke damage.

A newly formed steering committee has begun the strategic planning process for economic development in Dawson Springs.

Principal Terry Hayes said a preliminary report of ACT scores indicated the juniors outscored the previous year’s class on the college entrance exam.

## MAY

**May 3** — Derby for the Darby, which included stick horse races, games and a ladies’ luncheon, was held as a fundraiser for the Darby House. The derby is expected to become an annual event.

The Dawson Springs Police Department is investigating the vandalism of three vehicles parked near the school bus compound. The vehicles belonged to students who were away on the senior trip.

A female body found by hunters in the old Homestead Mines in Nortonville has been identified as Brenda Phelps. Phelps, 35, was reported missing from her home in the Nortonville area March 31.

**May 10** — The funeral for Dr. Joe D. Winfrey, 81, was held at the Primitive Baptist Church. Winfrey practiced dentistry in Dawson Springs from 1958 to 1998.

A graveside service was held for retired local businessman Michael Ray Midkiff, 66. Midkiff owned and operated Mike’s IGA Foodliner for 34 years.

Superintendent Alexis Seymore announced that the Dawson Springs School System will begin participating in the Community Eligibility Option during the 2012-2013 school year. The federal program will allow all students in the local system to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge.

**May 17** — Take Kids Fish-

ing Day was held at Riverside Park for children ages 3 to 15.

Judicial Branch employees learned they will be furloughed for three days in the first half of FY 2013 as a result of deep budget cuts. Courthouses statewide will close Aug. 6, Sept. 4 and Oct. 15.

The annual spring band concert was postponed as a result of a power outage caused when a bird was caught in a regulator at the substation behind Food Giant.

**May 24** — Fifty students received diplomas at Dawson Springs High School’s 103rd commencement. Scholarships totaling \$105,550 were announced.

The Dawson Springs Board of Education approved a tentative budget which included severe cuts in state funding. Preschool funds were slashed by more than half.

The Dawson Springs City Council took the final steps to abolish city stickers. Following a second reading, the council approved the amended ordinance striking the requirement.

**May 31** — Ten applications have been received for the superintendent’s position in the Dawson Springs School System.

A Level I drought has been declared for three drought management areas in Western Kentucky. The declaration includes Hopkins and surrounding counties.

The first City of Dawson Springs Poker Run will benefit the Darby House. Plans are for the run to become an annual event with proceeds going to a city agency most in need of funds.

## JUNE

**June 7** — Kent Dillingham and Punkin Web-Arnett received a Phoenix Award from the Lyon County EMS for their actions in saving the life of a Missouri man camping at Land

Between the Lakes.

TRAD North America Inc. plans to invest \$10.8 million in production upgrades for its Hopkinsville operation which consists of two plants employing 410 people.

Kentucky State Police began a summer enforcement campaign focusing on traveling safety, decreasing speed in work zones, and enforcement of speed, DUI and occupant protection.

**June 14** — Jeffery R. Alfred, 26, of Dawson Springs, was indicted by a Caldwell County grand jury for murder, DUI, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid, and failure to maintain insurance. The charges stem from a wreck on Dec. 27, 2011, that claimed the life of Thomas A. Redden, also of Dawson Springs.

The screening committee in the search for the next school superintendent has presented the Dawson Springs Board of Education with four finalists. A decision is expected before the end of the month.

Five contestants are set to compete in the 2012 Miss Dawson Springs Pageant. They are Whitney Alexander, Hannah Ivy, Kaila Purdy, Marisa Trover and Halee VanVactor.

**June 21** — Charles Proffitt was named superintendent of

the Dawson Springs Independent School System replacing Alexis Seymore. Proffitt has worked in the system since 2006, most recently as assistant superintendent.

Kaila Purdy, a DSHS junior, was crowned Miss Dawson Springs 2012.

The junior-senior high SBDM Council approved a Bring Your Own Device Policy allowing students to access the school network using their own electronic devices.

One adult and two juveniles, all of Slaughters, have been charged with multiple concession stand burglaries, including the stand in the Dawson Springs Municipal Park.

**June 28** — A four-year contract for newly hired school superintendent Charles Proffitt was approved by the board of education. The contract includes a yearly salary of \$86,000.

All outdoor burning in Hopkins County is prohibited until further notice as a result of weather conditions and the extreme danger of forest fires.

Madisonville Community College will provide dual credit courses for local high school students. The program will help students make the transition from high school to college.

## Gasoline Prices Are Rising

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 7.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.31 Sunday, based on GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has increased 3 cents in the past week to \$3.27 per gallon, according to gasoline price Web site GasBuddy.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of Monday morning were \$3.19 a gallon, 13 cents less than one week ago. Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 6.2 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 8.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 13.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.7 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

“2012 was a year that focused the spotlight on our nation’s oil refineries; it showed us the vulnerability of our infrastructure and what can happen to prices at the pump when infrastructure is compromised. We began the year with a BP refinery fire in Cherry Point, Wash., that caused massive

spikes on the West Coast. The spring delivered challenges for Great Lakes refineries and pushed Chicago gas prices to a record high. Similarly the California summer saw major refinery outages there and new record high prices,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

“Hurricane Sandy delivered a punishing blow to the East Coast causing refinery shutdowns, flooding and power outages. The resulting fuel shortage triggered mile-long lines for gas. New York gasoline spiked to a price level exceeding Honolulu and Anchorage as the highest in the U.S. GasBuddy is proud to have been called in by New York officials to provide counsel and data identifying the most current retail gasoline price updates and trends throughout the New York metro area,” said Gregg Laskoski, also a GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst.

With elevated prices across much of the country for prolonged periods, 2012 brought the highest average price ever for U.S. consumers: \$3.60 per gallon. For a closer look at the GasBuddy Year in Review, visit <http://www.scribd.com/GasBuddy>.

## Talk To Children About Health

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past week.

•Nearly half (48 percent) indicated they eat meals together as a family every day.

•Sixty-seven percent of parents said their child was responsible for completing a household chore on at least five days during the past week.

•Eighty percent said they spent at least 20 minutes talking with their child each day during the week prior to the survey.

•The main places Kentucky parents turn for information on parenting are the mass media (30 percent); their parents, family and friends (27 percent); and the internet (21 percent).

•When asked where they would look for information to keep their children healthy or to help them when sick, the main places named were health professionals (47 percent); the internet (25 percent); and their parents, family and friends (17 percent).

“Raising a child is important, challenging work — and

it is a job that we believe Kentucky parents are committed to doing well. The Kentucky Parent Survey shows that majority of parents are engaged in their child’s life — sharing meals, watching television and talking,” noted Zepeda, “but parents were a little less likely to report playing actively with their kids. Perhaps we should all resolve to be more physically active with our kids and have a little more fun in 2013.”

The Parent Survey was conducted in July and August by the Center for Survey Research at the University of Virginia. More than 1,000 parents and guardians of children under 18 from throughout the state were interviewed by phone. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent. The survey provides a snapshot of parental views on a number of issues including healthcare, school and home life. The final parent survey will be released in late January and will include data from parents on the high school dropout age issue.

## January Is Radon Action Month

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qualified radon testers is available at the state radon office.

The federal commitment made by EPA, the General Services Administration and the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior

and Veterans Affairs will focus efforts on radon reduction and mitigation in homes, especially those of low-income families, many of whom do not have the resources to make the simple fixes necessary to protect their homes and loved ones. To learn more about the Federal Radon Action Plan visit [www.Radon-Plan.org](http://www.Radon-Plan.org).



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Girls Lose  
First Two  
Games In  
Christmas  
Tourney

The Panther girls started out on top in their first two games in the McLean County Lady Cougar Christmas Tournament last week, but couldn't close out either game.

Lone Oak defeated the Panthers 61-33 in the first game Dec. 27, while Heath came back and knocked the Panthers off 52-44 the following night.

The Panthers started strong against Lone Oak (9-2), which was coming off a win in the Trigg County Christmas Tournament. The Panthers took a 10-5 first quarter lead and stretched it to seven early in the second quarter.

However, a couple of minutes into that second quarter the Purple Flash's offense, fueled by their defense, took over with 23 points. The Panthers turned the ball over nine times during that stretch, and the Purple Flash took a 28-19 halftime lead.

Lone Oak continued pouring in the points in the third quarter and led 53-28 entering the final period.

"We started out excellent against Lone Oak," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "We played a really good first quarter and about half of a good second quarter. Then we got into some foul trouble and started turning the ball over. Our seven-point lead turned into an 11-point deficit in just a matter of minutes."

The Panthers were led in scoring by Tayler Mills with a game-high 14 points.

"We didn't play smart and weren't focused" during Lone Oak's second quarter charge, Peyton said.

As their record indicates, "Lone Oak is a very tood team," the Panther coach added.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	5	4	4	14
Black	3	0	3	6
Miller	1	0	1	2
Loney	3	0	2	7
Menser	2	0	4	4
Robinson	0	0	1	0
Winters	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	14	4	17	33

3-point goals: Loney

Panthers	10	19	28	33
Lone Oak	5	28	53	61

In Friday's game against Heath (4-7) the Panthers again had a strong start, this time lasting through the first half.

"It was back and forth the entire game," Peyton said.

The Panthers led 17-13 after the first quarter and 24-21 at halftime.

However, the Pirates' defense held the Panthers to only six points while turning the Panthers over nine times in route to a 37-30 lead after three quarters on their way to a 52-44 win over the Panthers.

"We were within a few points at the end, and they knocked down some free throws," Peyton said.

Tayler Mills again led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points. Pirate sophomore guard Lexie Baer led all scorers with 24 points.

"I saw some positives and negatives," Peyton said. "But now our positives are outweighing our negatives. It wasn't like that at the first of the year. We still have plenty of time to improve."

The Panthers made 16 of 21 free throws for 76 percent. Heath made 14 of 30 for 47 percent.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	2	8	5	12
Black	3	2	4	10
Loney	2	2	5	6
Menser	1	2	5	4
Robinson	2	0	2	4
Miller	3	2	2	8
Winters	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	13	16	24	44

3-point goals: Black, 2

Panthers	17	24	30	44
Heath	13	21	37	52

SENIORS TAKE CONTROL

Girls Turn It On Against Lyons

After losing their first two games in the McLean County Lady Cougar Christmas Tournament by starting with the lead but then falling behind, the Panthers game against Lyon County Saturday took the opposite script.

The Lyons jumped out to a 15-8 first quarter lead. The Panthers' defense improved, holding the Lyons to only four points in the second quarter — the problem was the Panthers only scored four, too, and left the court at halftime down 19-12.

The third quarter was closely contested with the Lyons holding a 29-23 lead after three quarters.

Panther seniors Elizabeth Black and Tayler Mills then took control and led their team to a 43-38 win, the second of the season against eight losses.

The win avenged a 46-35 Lyon County win Dec. 11 at Eddyville.

Lyon County slipped to 4-8 on the season.

"We started out a little slow and got behind early," Panther coach Erik Peyton said.

"But we weren't behind so far we gave up as we have on previous occasions. We knew this was a game we could be competitive in if we stayed focused. We kept battling back and never gave up."

Mills scored a game-high 14



BLACK



MILLS

points, while Black added 13 for the Panthers. Lyon County sophomore guard Barrett Blackburn nailed three 3-pointers and paced the Lyons with 13.

The Panthers made 25 of 33 free throws for 76 percent while holding their turnovers to 12.

"It came down to the end and we made more plays at the end of the game," Peyton said. "We knocked down our free throws. Elizabeth was getting fouled in the fourth quarter

and knocked down her free throws." Lyon County made six of eight for 75 percent.

"That's a prime example to the girls if we didn't have those free throws, we wouldn't have pulled out the win," Peyton said. "I'm glad they learned how to win. I was very proud of the girls."

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	5	4	2	14
Black	1	11	2	13
Loney	1	0	4	2
Menser	2	4	3	8
Robinson	0	3	0	3
Miller	0	3	1	3
TOTALS	9	25	12	43

Panthers	8	12	23	43
Lyon Co.	15	19	29	38



AUSTIN STEVENS goes up for a shot during the Panthers' game against Trigg County Tuesday, Nov. 27. Stevens put 16 points on the board for the Panthers.

Photo by Mike Howton



REED SMILEY struggles to get a shot off during the Panthers' game against Trigg County, Tuesday, Nov. 27. Smiley had three points in the Panthers' 53-49 loss.

Photo by Mike Howton

Panthers Come Up Short In Tourney

The Panthers opened the Trees 'n Trends Itty-Bitty Christmas Tournament at Christian Fellowship with a 64-59 win over Heritage Academy but then dropped their next two games in the tournament.

On Dec. 21 Whitesville Trinity beat the Panthers 41-38 for the Raiders' second win of the year over the Panthers. The first game was 61-43 Dec. 8 at Panther gym. The two teams meet again Feb. 2 at Whitesville.

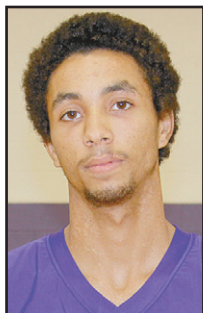
The following night, the Panthers dropped a 52-43 decision to Community Christian Academy from Paducah. The Panthers travel to Paducah Jan. 29 to face the Warriors again.

The Panthers fell behind Trinity 12-6 after the first quarter and 28-20 at halftime. The lead stayed about the same through the third quarter as the Panthers faced a 34-27 deficit entering the final quarter.

"We missed a lot of lay ups, and they got up on us in the first quarter," Panther head coach Jeff Miller said.

The Panthers made a charge at the Raiders in the fourth quarter after being behind seven entering the final eight minutes.

"Austin Stevens hit a 3 to tie us up with five or six second left," Miller said. "We tried to press man-to-man



FAMBROUGH

left.

"Colton Chapple had a decent look from the corner, but it was a little long."

Panther senior Tré Fambrough led all scorers with 16 points, 10 in the second half.

Trinity's Zach Bayman scored 14 points for the winners.

"It wasn't a great shooting night for us," Miller said. "We hit one 3 the entire night, and we only had nine free throw attempts."

"I told my kids the loss was on me — should have called a time out."

The Panthers made five of nine free throws for 56 percent. Trinity made seven of 16 free throws for 44 percent.

full court because we had gotten 10-second calls on them. We tried it again as soon as we scored, but some of our guys got caught up low. They had a run-out, and we fouled them on a lay up with 2.2 seconds

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	2	0	3	4
Fambrough	6	4	3	16
Chapple	3	0	1	6
Stevens	4	1	4	10
T. Puckett	0	0	0	0
B. Puckett	1	0	4	2
T. Adams	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	16	5	16	38

3-point goals: Stevens

Panthers	6	20	27	38
Trinity	12	28	34	41

Against Community Christian the Panthers fell behind 15-6 after the opening quarter and 29-18 at the half.

However, in the third quarter the Panthers made a run, cutting the lead to 34-29 entering the final eight minutes, but that was as close as the Panthers would get.

"This was our third game in three days," Miller said. "We were outsized. They had two much taller than us. They were getting to the rim."

The Warriors' Cole Smith and Marcus Rommelman tied for game-high honors with 16 points.

Fambrough led the Panthers in scoring with 15 points, 12 of those in the fourth quarter.

"He didn't really do anything until

the fourth quarter," Miller said. "He figured out he could get in the lane to the rim."

"Free throws killed us once again," Miller said

The Panthers made two of 11 free throws for 18 percent. Community Christian made nine of 24 free throws for 38 percent.

"We played our hearts out every game in the tournament," Miller said.

Fulton County won the tournament with a 42-37 win over Whitesville.

The Panthers host Caldwell County Friday and Frederick Fraize Saturday for boy/girl doubleheaders. Then district rival Hopkins County Central invades Panther gym Monday.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	2	0	3	5
Fambrough	6	2	4	15
Chapple	4	0	4	9
Stevens	4	0	0	9
T. Puckett	2	0	4	5
B. Puckett	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	18	2	17	43

3-point goals: Smiley, Fambrough, Chapple, Stevens, T. Puckett

Panthers	6	18	29	43
Comm. Christ.	15	29	34	52



# Stories From 2012 Are Varied And Colorful

## SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



What can be said of Year 2012?

Doomsday projection for December 21, oops; a general election; Sandy Hook tragedy; Ben Bernanke's Fiscal Cliff?

In sports ...

1. In April, Kentucky basketball fans celebrated an eighth NCAA championship. Oddly, the team never achieved a nickname that stuck.
2. Maybe because fans knew in two months all five starters would be gone.
3. That reality moved a university professor of sports administration to say: "John Calipari is doing what the system allows him to do. I guess in that sense, congratulations. (But) Anyone who thinks that this has anything to do with the collegiate or educational model is flat-out wrong."
4. Western Kentucky's football team stunned Kentucky in overtime in Lexington.
5. In December, the Army-Navy game was another patriotic thriller 17-13, Middies. But Army quarterback Trent Steelman (Bowling Green, Ky.) gave the game its poignancy.
6. In March, Rick Pitino's Louisville team surprised talking heads everywhere by advancing to a Final Four.

7. In December, Kentucky hired a football coach again. First time a head coach, Mark Stoops is a defense-first fellow who hired an offensive coordinator immediately — Neal Brown.

8. In February, Western Kentucky took interim off Ray Harper's job title as basketball coach and the Hilltoppers went on a roll, won the Sun Belt Tournament then a cha-ching win in the NCAA Tournament.

9. Harper's reaction to getting the job was native-son perfect for one who grew up in Muhlenberg County and scored 3,033 points for his high school team at Bremen.

"This is a destination job for me, and there is no place in the country I would rather be. It is an honor to walk into the doors of Diddle Arena each and every day."

10. Coming off a 29-4 season, the Bellarmine Knights were 8-0 by Christmas. Under the media-obsessed Calipari-Pitino radar, coach Scotty Davenport could also boast a 3.0-plus team grade point average.

11. Much talked about, bragged about and celebrated trio of black college coaches at Kentucky, Louisville and Western Kentucky, fizzled. Joker Phillips was fired, Willie Taggart job-jumped Western for South Florida. Charlie Strong stayed at U of L, but not before his boss sweetened his contract.

12. Trinity High School's 13-1 season and 20th football championship was no surprise, but there is a

question: With a 41-2 record and state titles in last three seasons, why isn't Bob Beatty's name mentioned as a college coach candidate?

13. Western Kentucky University recognized its equivalent of James Naismith and John Wooden, by naming the Diddle Arena playing surface John Oldham Court.

14. Best college hoops story of 2012? Could be Alex Barlow, walk-on at Butler University.

15. Story of the Year, Legacy Department? Since Kentucky's Mitch Barnhart and John Calipari declared UK the gold standard and created a string of young millionaires, we hear a lot these days about DeMarcus Cousins (suspended), John Wall (not playing), and Daniel Orton, Terrence Jones and DeAndre Liggins demoted to the D-League.

16. Sports Person(s) of the Year. In order, here are mine.

1. Darius Miller, native son who was instrumental in UK's eighth national title. Miller, college graduate, signed a two-year contract with New Orleans Hornets for just under \$1 million, first year guaranteed.

2. Anthony Davis. The consummate team player, despite only a year at Kentucky, Davis earned a place in the pantheon of UK basketball legends.

3. Dale Mueller coached Fort Thomas Highlands to its sixth Class 4-A state title in a row.

4. Shoni Schimmels, Louisville basketball. Beyond being team's leader in scoring and assists, Schimmels stylish play and personal story make her special.

5. A'dia Mathies, Kentucky senior guard, SEC player of the Year in 2012 and All American.

6. Charlie Strong. Louisville's coach has elevated Cardinal football to the threshold of a perch in the Top 10 every year.

7. Teddy Bridgewater, U of L quarterback — a natural.

8. James Quick. Trinity High receiver projects to be the best Kentuckian to the college level since Mr. Football Shaun Alexander headed to Alabama in 1994.

9. Willie Taggart. Coached Western to a winning season. Would rank higher, but he became just another job jumper.

10. Kenneth Faried flourishing. Former Morehead Eagle had 21 points, 15 rebounds for Denver in a win over the Lakers last week.

OTHER ...

17. Western's go-for-it final play gamble in the Little Caesar's Bowl was reasonable. That star Antonio Andrews was not a part of it, was not.

18. Prep prospect Andrew Wiggins won't fit at Kentucky because, "He doesn't like the spotlight," the kid's mother said last week.

19. John Calipari has recruited another dandy crop of one-and-dones. Thing is, his current players may not be so NBA attractive.

20. High school hoops star Jabari Parker committed to Duke. The kid's father told the Detroit News the reason was coach Mike Krzyzewski. But it was Mom (Lola) who explained best. "I'm not a fan of basketball. I'm a fan of people. I think character is everything and I don't hear any-

thing negative about Coach K in my research."

21. Traditional SEC and Big Ten football door mats Vanderbilt and Northwestern received bowl bids. The Commodores (8-4) to the Music City Bowl; the Wildcats (9-3) to the Gator Bowl.

22. Vanderbilt's basketball team made itself the answer to a trivia question — When Kentucky marched to a 38-2 season and national championship in 2012, who won the Southeastern Conference Tournament?

23. No talk (above a whisper), about an NBA franchise for Louisville. Whew!

24. Personal milestones. In May I celebrated having met a deadline 6,724 times in 40 years writing about sports in Kentucky. How quickly time passed. I am grateful for a (moderately) thick skin and the privilege to share this space with you. Thank you. **FINALLY ...**

For good health at year's end, I am much grateful.

But just as important, Club 70.

More than half a century ago we seniors left St. Camillus Academy in Corbin. On appropriate dates through 2012 we celebrated a 70th birthday together. All five of us. I am thankful for — Doug Singleton (Pine Knot), Richard Smith (Batavia, Ohio), Warren McNew and Stewart Hardesty (Corbin).

Happy New Year.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprt-sinky@aol.com.



VIRGIL KIMMEL cleans snow from his automobile on East Arcadia Ave. Wednesday morning, Dec. 26.

## Pioneers Of Television Returns To KET

Emmy-award winning radio personality, television host and producer Ryan Seacrest narrates the third season of "Pioneers of Television," PBS' Emmy-nominated series that brings to life the stories of television's most-beloved stars.

The four-part series premieres Monday, Jan. 21, at 9 p.m. on KET.

The new season's four episodes include "Funny Ladies," "Primetime Soaps," "Superheroes" and "Miniseries."

"Funny Ladies"

This episode begins with the first standup comedienne to appear on television, including Joan Rivers and the late Phyllis Diller, whose final interview was for this episode. "Funny Ladies" also looks at Lucille Ball's breakthrough on "I Love Lucy" and the sitcom stars that followed, including Mary Tyler Moore, Betty White and Marla Gibbs. Variety star Carol Burnett reveals the behind-the-scenes stories of her long-running show.

"Primetime Soaps"

"Dallas" and "Dynasty" kicked off the nighttime soap frenzy in the late 1970s, a phenomenon that continued through the last season of "Knots Landing" in 1993. "Primetime Soaps" offers surprising new details about the legendary "Who Shot J.R." episode of Dallas and reveals the backstage personalities that shaped "Dynasty" and "Knots Landing."

"Superheroes"

"Superheroes" crosses many eras: "Superman" in the 1950s, "Batman" in the '60s, "Wonder Woman" and "The Incredible Hulk" in the '70s,

and "The Greatest American Hero" in the '80s. The episode features in-depth interviews with Adam West, Burt Ward, Julie Newmar, Lynda Carter, Lou Ferrigno, William Katt and others.

"Miniseries"

Miniseries still rank among the top-rated programs in television history. "Roots" was the biggest. This episode also considers the very first miniseries, "Rich Man, Poor Man," as stars Peter Strauss and Susan Blakely offer fresh insights. All of the key stars from the landmark miniseries "The Thorn Birds" also provide commentary.




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## Youth Hunting/ Trapping Week Now Underway

By Art Lander Jr.

There's a present under the tree that can't be opened until the weekend after Christmas for boys and girls 15 years of age or younger.

It's the Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week, Dec. 29 through Jan. 4, 2013, open to both resident and non-resident youth.

Youth hunters and trappers are not required to have licenses, permits or hunter education certification, but must be accompanied by an adult.

During the seven-day Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week, opportunities abound as furbearers may be hunted or trapped and small game hunters may go after rabbits, quail and squirrels.

They may pursue ducks, geese and migratory birds as well. These species may be hunted without state or federal permits, including a trapping license, Kentucky Waterfowl Permit or Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Bag limits and other regulations apply.

"The Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week is an excellent time to mentor youth," said Karen Waldrop, director of wildlife for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The long holiday weekend offers plenty of time to introduce them to a wide range of hunting opportunities."

The special youth hunting and trapping seasons were established in 2003 by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission.

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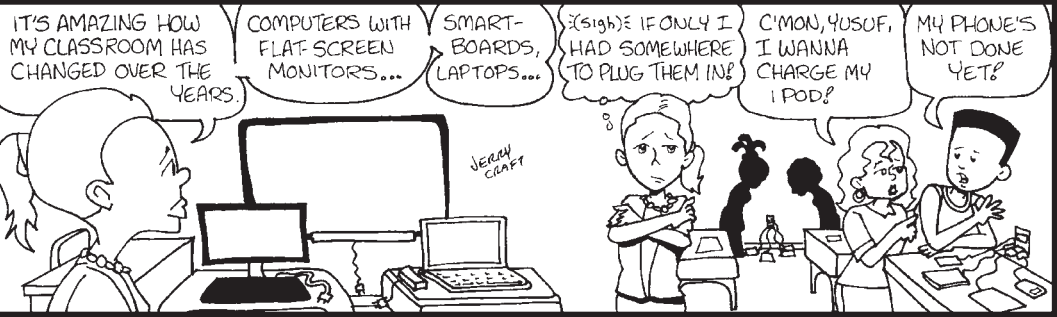
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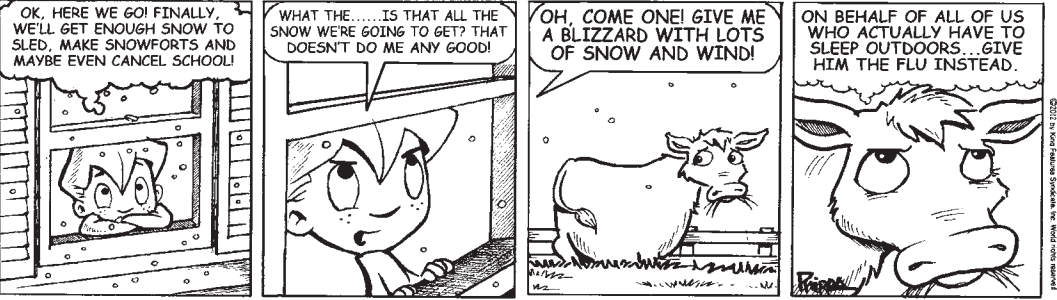
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by Linda Thistle

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.  
**Best Heartburn Medicine? Cheapest One That Works**  
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I need help with acid reflux. I have battled it for seven years, and until recently I have used Prilosec, but it has stopped working for me. I tried AcipHex and Protonix but didn't feel well when taking them. Now I'm on Prevacid. Is it OK to take indefinitely? I wonder about Nexium. My doctor told me to take any acid reducer that works. What do you consider the best long-term medicine? -- F.H.

ANSWER: Acid reflux, heartburn and GERD (gastro-esophageal reflux disease) are different names for the same thing -- the upward splashing of stomach acid and digestive juices into the esophagus, the long tube that brings food from the throat to the stomach. The esophagus can't handle those corrosive juices, and the result is burning pain.

Can you identify any food or drink that brings on your symptoms? If you can, eliminate it. Potential troublemakers are fatty foods, fried foods, spearmint, peppermint, chocolate, tomatoes, citrus fruit and caffeine. You prevent nighttime heartburn by putting 6-inch blocks under the bedposts at the head of your bed. In that position, gravity keeps stomach acid in the stom-

ach. Weight reduction almost always lessens symptoms.

I like your doctor's approach. Use the cheapest medicine that keeps you free of pain. Antacids often can fit the bill: Tums, Rolaids, Mylanta, Maalox and the many others. The most effective medicines are those called proton pump inhibitors: Dexilant, Nexium, Prilosec, Prilosec, Protonix and AcipHex, some of which are available without a prescription. They practically turn off acid production. Some doctors like to have their patients stop use after a year to see if symptoms remit. If they do, so much the better. Less expensive are Tagamet, Pepcid, Zantac and Axid, which cut back on acid production and are obtainable without prescription.

One downside of indefinite use of proton pump inhibitors is the possibility of vitamin B-12 deficiency. Acid is needed to absorb it. The same goes for iron, calcium and magnesium.

The booklet on heartburn (GERD) explains this common condition in great detail, along with its treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name

and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife is a healthy 66-year-old woman. The problem is that she wakes up at night, screams for a second and then goes back to sleep. The following day, sometimes she remembers, but sometimes not.

This has been going on for two to three years. She uses no medicines. What could this be? -- J.V.

ANSWER: It could be what's called sleep terror. It's more often seen in childhood, but occasionally adults have it. You describe it perfectly. The person suddenly awakens and screams in what appears to be panic. Then she or he returns to sleep. Most have no memory of the event the following day, and don't recall a frightening dream. If this doesn't interfere with her normal functioning, she doesn't need to pursue it.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ACROSS

- 1 Served in blazing liquor  
7 Wise saying  
12 Little hit  
15 Pea  
19 protectors  
20 Of direct descent  
21 Liltng melody  
22 Region  
23 Classic 1942 horror film, in old Addis Ababa?  
26 Lab animals  
27 Ovid's "Lo!"  
28 Salute  
29 Nephew of Abel  
30 Question to someone who's not responding, in Isfahan?  
37 Lasagna  
38 P, in Greece  
39 Advice bits  
40 School for Prince Harry  
41 Reply to "No you're not"  
44 Born, in a bridal bio  
45 1965 Jane Fonda comedy, on an Indonesian island?  
50 Firearm-cleaning aid  
55 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.  
56 Fish hawk  
57 Partner of ifs and ands  
59 Singer Nyro  
60 Costa —, California  
61 "La Cage aux Folles" role  
63 Much-loved Harry Chapin hit, on Mt. Everest?  
64 Ellipsoidal  
71 Ump's cry  
72 Molecular bit  
73 Rigatoni, e.g.  
76 Bonkers  
77 Italian port  
80 Soft drink  
83 Under one's control  
85 "Peace Train" singer, in Rangoon?  
88 — step further  
89 Nothing  
91 3/15, e.g.  
92 Asthma spray, e.g.  
97 —Magnon man  
98 Pooch pace  
101 Tennessee Williams play, in old Bangkok?  
105 Lot division  
106 Drive along  
107 Socks  
108 Switzer-land's capital  
109 Flogging whip, in Mogadishu?  
117 Sooner  
118 State city  
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121 More or —  
122 Longing  
123 Dogs' cries  
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- 1 Tampa loc.  
2 Ad- — (play it by ear)  
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15 Mom or dad  
16 Naval, e.g.  
17 Reroute  
18 Is cheeky with  
24 Univ. sports org.  
25 Genoa gold  
30 Gyro wraps  
31 School, in Somme  
32 Rice-A- —  
33 Loonlike bird  
34 "—, can you see ..."  
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47 Lamb writing

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51 Woman of the house  
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53 Verbal  
54 Take a risk  
58 Is larcenous  
60 Island off Sicily  
61 Slowing, on a mus. score  
62 Four duos  
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65 Tennis' Lendl  
66 Squoosh  
67 Iraqi or Saudi  
68 Quite a drag  
69 Karamel — (Ben & Jerry's flavor)  
70 Wooer's flower  
75 It may be acute or right  
77 United — College Fund  
78 Take — at (try)  
79 Animal companion  
80 Pitcher Martinez  
81 "It's just — those things"  
82 Low-key "Hey!"  
84 "Obey me!"  
86 A great deal  
87 Head  
88 Corleone  
89 Sea — (reef creature)  
92 Actress Sanford  
93 — Creed  
94 Emmylou or Franco  
95 Alters formally  
96 Boss  
98 Leader of the Belmonts  
99 First phases  
100 Hansel's sib  
102 3 R's org.  
103 Pacify  
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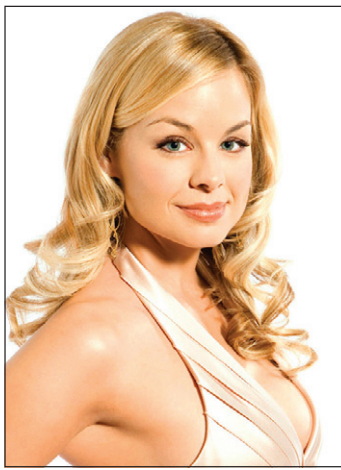
SOAP BUBBLES

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

The Forresters did their best to celebrate Christmas despite missing Stephanie. Pam received a sign that Stephanie was there in spirit. Eric's holiday didn't go quite as planned. Hope was confident that Liam would want to reunite now that he knew what really caused their split. Katie told Caroline that she supported her in exposing Bill's deception. Steffy made sure that Hope knew that she was a force to be reckoned with when it came to Liam. Bill warned Caroline that he would get even with her someday. Hope asked Liam point blank for an answer about a future together. Katie suspected that Bill had a drinking problem. Wait to See: Liam introduces Rick to his fist. Caroline suffers a terrible accident.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Brady fell hard for Kristen while she continued to manipulate him. Sami wrestled with her emotions over EJ and Rafe. Doug and Julie arrived in Salem for Christmas. Lucas made a kind gesture toward Sonny. Victor showed his softer side by playing Santa for a group of sick children. Sami accepted EJ's invitation for New Year's Eve after Rafe said he was through with her. Later, Nicole and Rafe agreed to spend the holiday together,



Jessica Collins is "Avery" on "The Young and The Restless"

where they were sure to run into their exes. John walked in on Brady and Kristen in bed together. Will began having second thoughts about not claiming his unborn child. Wait to See: Brady and John get into a heated argument. Gabi offers a truce to Sonny.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Lulu wanted an explanation as to why Maxie didn't contact her when she began having abdominal pain. Kristina told her mom that she was moving to California with Trey. Ellie asked Spinelli if he regretted choosing her over Maxie. Starr and Michael spent the holiday getting reacquainted. Todd caught Sam trying to break

into his safe. Connie injured Starr during a struggle. Sabrina fantasized about spending New Year's with Patrick. Lucy continued to manipulate Tracy and AJ. Kristina was suspicious of Connie. Olivia continued to be haunted by visions. Emma told Sabrina how much she disliked Britt. Wait to See: Todd and Carly seal New Year's with a kiss. Starr's humanity is tested.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Billy urged Jack to forget about Newman Enterprises and to just concentrate on running the family business. Nick found some dog tags among Avery's belongings. Chelsea misunderstood Adam's intentions of being with her on Christmas. Sharon and Nick shared a nice holiday together before Nick went back to Avery. Michael invited a battered Jamie home with him and Lauren. Chloe offered a reward to find her stolen money. Phyllis planned an intervention for Jack after she found him passed out. Lily brushed off Tyler's crush and told Cane that she only wanted him. Katherine and Tucker put aside their differences for Christmas Day. Wait to See: Daniel says goodbye to Phyllis. Victor uses his status to get information from Mason.

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TRIVIA TEST

- MOVIES: What was the name of the planet where Luke Skywalker ("Star Wars") grew up?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "The Wind in the Willows"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a common name for the dog breed Borzoi?
- MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of the sun god in Greek mythology?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Curacao located?
- HISTORY: In what U.S. state did the Battle of Bunker Hill take place?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a quadrilateral have?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What type of fear is represented by hedonophobia?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the lead character on "Miami Vice," and who played the role?

- MILITARY: What is the highest decoration awarded for heroism in the U.S. military?

Answers

- Tatooine
- Kenneth Grahame
- Russian Wolfhound
- Helios
- Caribbean
- Massachusetts
- Four
- Fear of pleasure
- Sonny Crockett (played by Don Johnson)
- Medal of Honor

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**NORTH**  
♠AKQ9  
♥852  
♦Q84  
♣1094

**WEST**  
♠J1043  
♥J  
♦J1095  
♣KJ65

**SOUTH**  
♠87652  
♥AKQ4  
♦632  
♣A

The bidding:  
**North** Pass  
**East** Pass  
**South** 1♠  
**West** Pass

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

When you're declarer in a contract that seems unbeatable, it's incumbent upon you to ask yourself whether any division of the adverse cards can defeat you. If you think along such lines, you will sometimes avert an unexpected defeat. Consider what happened to South in this deal where the defenders cashed three diamonds before shifting to a heart.

Declarer won with the ace and led a trump to dummy's queen, on which East showed out. A low club to the ace was followed by another trump, dummy winning West's ten with the king. South now ruffed dummy's nine of clubs and led still another trump, finessing the nine after West followed low.

With only one trump left in each hand and the lead in dummy, declarer cashed the ace but had to lose a heart trick to East at the end and so went down one. However, he should have made the contract.

After declarer wins East's heart return at trick four, he should ask himself, "What can defeat me?" Obviously, the only danger is a 4-0 trump division. If East has the four trumps, the contract is hopeless, so declarer arbitrarily assigns them to West. As we've already seen, the contract fails if South immediately tackles trumps.

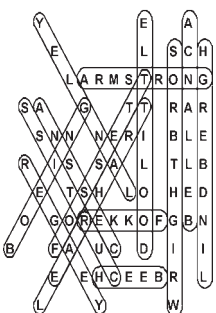
Instead, South should cash the ace of clubs before leading a trump to the queen. This might not have the earmarks of an earth-shattering play, but it has the great virtue of making the contract instead of losing it. It protects against West holding four trumps.

When East shows out on the queen of trumps, South ruffs a club and leads another trump, winning West's ten with the king. Another club ruff reduces South to one trump while West and dummy each have two. South now leads his last trump, trapping West's J-4 with dummy's A-9, and finishes by discarding his heart loser on dummy's last trump.

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## ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

AVIATION PIONEERS



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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## HOROSCOPES

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and emails, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes usually can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to those still-lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not

careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until midmonth, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle those pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times.

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## Garden Club Has Meeting At Pennyrile State Park

The Pennyrile Garden Club met Dec. 18 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park for the annual Christmas Party. Dianne Back served as hostess.

Members had brunch and exchanged Christmas gifts. They also shared memories of former members Hazel McChesney and Ruth Vanderveer who both died this year.

Members attending were Sharon Budd, Charlotte Cooley, Imogene Davis, JoAnn Edwards, Peggy Furgerson, Sally Jackman, Jeanne Knapp, Susan Menser, Eloise Morris, Back and a guest, Cara Knapp, granddaughter of Jeanne Knapp.

The next meeting will be Feb. 19 with Menser as hostess.

## Golden Pond Planetarium Will Be Open Year-Round

The Golden Pond Planetarium at Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area will be open all-year beginning Jan. 2, 2013.

This is the first year the planetarium has not needed to close for extended maintenance since the new full-dome digital projec-

tor system was installed at the beginning of the 2012 season.

The planetarium will be open seven days a week with various programs throughout each day.

For a complete show schedule, visit [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org) or call 270-924-2233.

## LBL Has Special Programs Scheduled During January

Land Between The Lakes will be hosting a variety of special programs in January on the following dates and times:

**Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13 and 27**  
1 to 4:30 p.m.

“Everything Eagles” Van Tour – Golden Pond Visitors Center

Winter is the peak season for bald eagle viewing in LBL. Both year-round resident eagles and visiting winter “snowbirds” are out looking for fish in the lakes. Spend the day visiting some of LBL’s eagle-viewing hot spots during these staff-led tours. We will share tips on how to spot bald eagles in the wild and zoom in with spotting scopes for a closer look.

Cost is \$5 children /\$7 adults. Registration limited. Reservations and full deposits required. Call 270-924-2020 to reserve your space. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Moderate walking may be required.

**Saturday, Jan. 19**

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Nature Watch Series: Winter Eagles & Wildlife Van Tour – Leave from Badgett Theater, Grand Rivers

During the “Winter Birding Hot Spots of LBL” tour from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., explore the secret wildlife nooks of Land Between The Lakes to pick up some new wildlife sightings and observe nature’s greatest moments. We will search for eagles, loons, the entire color palette of waterfowl, and other Kentucky critters. During the “Northern LBL Eagle Tour” tour from 1:30 to 5 p.m., discover the hidden bays and shorelines where Kentucky’s largest raptor hunts prey, catches ridgetop thermals and begins its courtship rituals. Morning Session: Winter Birding Hotspots of LBL (Return to Grand Rivers for lunch) Afternoon Session: Northern LBL Eagle Tour. \$25/ person for full day. \$15/ person for half day. Lunch is on your own. Space is limited. Advanced registration required. Call 270-924-2020 to register.

8:30-11:30 a.m.

“Brunch with the Eagles” River Cruise – Kenlake State Resort Park Marina

1 to 4 p.m.  
“Lunch with the Eagles” River Cruise – Kenlake State Resort Park Marina

Step on-board the CQ Princess for a guided eagle-viewing experience while relaxing in the comforts of this luxury yacht.

\$60/person. Registration limited. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Reservations and full deposits required. Call 270-924-2020 to reserve your space. Yacht departs from Kenlake State Resort Park Marina.

**Sunday, Jan. 20, and Monday, Jan. 21**

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“Lunch with the Eagles” River Cruise – Kenlake State Resort Park Marina

\$60/person. Registration limited. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Reservations and full deposits required. Call 270-924-2020 to reserve your space. Yacht departs from Kenlake State Resort Park Marina.

## NAMI Will Meet

NAMI, a support group for family and friends of people with mental illnesses, will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 163 N. Main St. in Madisonville

For information, phone Mary Poole at 824-8673.

## Garrett Dillingham Is Born

Ryan and Cortney Dillingham of Danville announce the birth of a son, Garrett Walker Dillingham.

Garrett was born at 9:14 p.m. Dec. 17, 2012, at Ephriam McDowell Medical Center in Danville. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Judy Walker of Danville. Maternal great-grandparents are Eddie and Betty Walker of Danville and Bob and Betty Followell of Perryville.

Paternal grandparents are Kent and Donna Dillingham. Paternal great-grandparents are Ruth Dillingham and the late Norris Dillingham and Doug and Dola Monroe, all of



GARRETT DILLINGHAM

Dawson Springs.

Garrett was welcomed by his sister, Addy Ruth.



MEMBERS of the YW Club attending a Christmas party at the home of Peggy Ferguson December 20 are (front from left) Bobbie Kinsolving, Charlotte Cooley, Shirley Menser, Jeannie Moore, Peggy Ferguson, and Kathy Beshears; (back) JoAnn Edwards, Carolyn Stevens, Beth Dillingham, Sharon Messamore, Trudy Hendrickson, Debbie Coats, Bonnie Mills, Marvalyn Tolbert, Sandra Menser, Janice Perrody, Cassie Bruch, Melissa Heflin, Pat Bruce, and Barbara Thomas.

## YW Club Holds Christmas Party At Ferguson Home

The Dawson Springs YW Club held its annual Christmas party Dec. 20 at the home of Peggy Ferguson. Members were welcomed by the hostesses, Jeannie Moore, Shirley Menser, Bobbie Kinsolving and Ferguson. The home was decorated for the Christmas season.

A potluck dinner of all the members’ special recipes was served to the following: Pat Bruce, Barbara Thomas, Bonnie Mills, Carolyn Stevens, Janis Peroddy, Charlotte Cooley, Kathy Beshears, Melissa Hef-

lin, Trudy Hendrickson, Cassie Bruch, Beth Dillingham, Marvalyn Tolbert, Sharon Messamore, JoAnn Edwards, Sandra Menser, Deborah Coats and the hostesses.

Following the meal, vice president Tolbert presented president Mills a gift from the club. Perfect attendance gifts were presented by Shirley Menser to Mills, Stevens, Moore, Tolbert, Bruce and Sylvia Thomas.

During a short business meeting, the club’s contribu-

tion to the Chris McChesney Memorial Scholarship in memory of longtime member Hazel McChesney and a donation to the Dawson Springs Backpack Program in memory of Sue Kimmel were discussed. The YW Club also made a donation to FRYSC this year. Money for the Backpack Program was collected.

A musical game was played, and each member received a small gift from the hostesses. All members exchanged gifts and played Rook. Winners at

Rook were Sandra Menser, high; Heflin, second high; Edwards, low; and Messamore, second low.

Door prizes were won by Dillingham, Messamore, Mills, Cooley, Heflin, Hendrickson, Coats, and Sandra Menser.

Three visitors also attended the party this year. They were Scott Dillingham, who took the annual Christmas party picture; Zach Willett, who made special coffees and lattes; and Rascal, Ferguson’s pal who shared in all the fun.



JANICE KING welcomes Naomi and Deward Stallins to her home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, during the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Dawson Springs High School senior class. photo by Sheldon Mitchell



SCHOOL employees sharing a table at lunchtime at the First Christian Church Christmas Bazaar Friday, Nov. 16, are (from left) Barbara P’Poole, Carolyn Fletcher, Chris Baird and Tammy Audas.